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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Map Card Destructor

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Acting Chief, Air Section from  
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P, DPD 0644-61,  
dated 8 February 1961, subject: Same as above

1. [REDACTED] was present when subject destructor unit was  
presented and explained to DPD personnel by [REDACTED] and representatives  
of TSD.

2. The units were rejected for use on [REDACTED] aircraft for the  
following reasons:

a. Possibility of accidental discharge of the explosive by  
aircrew members causing destruction of the aircraft.

b. Possibility of activation of the destruction unit by  
small arms or anti-aircraft fire causing destruction of the  
aircraft.

c. Unit not large enough to contain all material that would  
require destruction on [REDACTED] missions.

d. System of attaching maps etcetera to small plates is not  
considered practicable for navigation on long missions.

3. Air Section and Detachment 2 are interested in a type of  
destructor system or unit to be used on multi-engine aircraft where  
size and weight, within reason, is not considered a major problem.  
The system must be fool proof to the extent that accidental activation  
will not injure personnel or cause possible destruction to the aircraft.

4. Until a safe system is developed, Air Section is forced to  
rely upon the aircrew members ability to destroy material depending  
upon the circumstances under which they are forced down or bail out.

SIGNED

DPD/AS/ [REDACTED]

14 February 1961

Original and 1 - Addressee

1 - DPD/OPS/RS

2 - Air Section  
1 - DPD/RI

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Acting Chief,  
Air Section, DPD-DD/P

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